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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joseph G. Farmerie

Serial No.: 09/997,678

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: FOOD WASTE DISPOSER HAVING
MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR
CREATING A WATER BAFFLE TO
REDUCE NOISE

Group Art Unit: 3725

Examiner: M. Rosenbaum

Atty. Dkt. No.: 10807.0098.NPUS00

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 4, 2003 for the above-referenced application, for which the due date for response is December 4, 2003. It is not believed that any fee is due in order for the Office to consider this amendment. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary amounts from Deposit Account No 01-2508/10807.0098.NPUS00.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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